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To: All State and Center Directors

From: Director, National IRM Center

Subject: The Year 2000 Compliance for Telecommunications Equipment/Software

The Year 2000 compliant direction and guidance previously distributed may have appeared to be slanted toward application software, COTS, and workstations. It is imperative the Bureau certify compliancy of the telecommunications equipment, associated diagnostics, and network monitoring equipment. Equipment types include routers, hubs, LAN switches, CSU/DSU, D-4 channel banks, drop and insert equipment, telephone PBX, voice mail, radios, test equipment, and associated PC-based software.

You should obtain written certification from the vendors that their equipment is "Year 2000" compliant and meet the following specifications:

- Correctly recognize the change in date from December 31, 1999, to January 1, 2000.
- Correctly apply the leap rule for the year 2000 and for all years thereafter.
- Correctly distinguish the century when responding to a 2-digit date input.
- Accurately compute time intervals prior to and after January 1, 2000, as well as determine days of the week, leap years, and dates associated with Julian, Gregorian, and other calendars for dates after January 1, 2000.
- Successfully transfer date information to and receive date information from other equipment, services, and software that is compliant with the "Year 2000" date change.

GSA has hired Mitretek to poll vendors for this information and create a web page for the vendors to post such information. There was no deadline given for posting the information. At this time the list is very incomplete and would be of little or no value in support of our effort. The vendor web pages normally address Y2K issues and should be your first point of reference, i.e., [www.cisco.com](http://www.cisco.com).

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